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SUBJ: REPATRIATION OF 1,000 BIHARIS TO PAKISTAN

REF: ISLAMABAD 249

1. ACCORDING TO VGA DIRECTOR GENERAL (SOUTH ASIA) ABDUL SATTAR, GOP EXPECTS TO COMPLETE BY FEBRUARY 15 THE REPATRIATION TO PAKISTAN OF 1,000 BIHARIS WHO HAVE BEEN STRANDED IN KATHMANDU. TO DATE, ACCORDING TO CABINET DIVISION OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR REFUGEES, COL. NAWAZ, ABOUT 780 HAVE BEEN FLOWN TO LAHORE ABOARD AIR NEPAL SPECIAL FLIGHTS. NAWAZ TOLD EMBOFF FEBRUARY 13 THAT HE EXPECTS FINAL TWO FLIGHTS FEBRUARY 14.

2. MFA DIRECTOR (INTER ALIA REFUGEES) GHORRI LAST WEEK TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOP ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE AT LEAST THIS PART OF REPATRIATION BEFORE KING BIRENDRA'S CORONATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOP'S DECISION TO BRING FIRST TRANCHE FROM KATHMANDU INSTEAD OF DACCA BENT NOSES OF ICRC OFFICIALS WHO FELT THAT THOSE DACCA RESIDENT REFUGEES WHO ARE ALREADY CLEARED SHOULD COME FIRST. NEW ICRC DELEGATE

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IN ISLAMABAD PAUPKEYNARD HAFRDISCLOSED TO EMBOFF THAT

ICRC FEARS THAT MOVEMENT OF BIHARIS HERE FROM KATHMANDU
WILL ACT AS A MAGNET TO PULL MORE TO KATHMANDU FROM DACCA, THUS
ADDING FURTHER COMPLICATIONS TO PROGRAM.
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